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To whom it may concern:

The San Juan County Commissioners are strong advocates of our county libraries. We recognize the value they bring to the communities of Blanding and Monticello. Over fifty years ago, county leaders recognized the need to secure facilities for the education of our citizenry. Thus, both of our libraries, many schools and other important municipal buildings were constructed at that time.

Now into the 21st century, we recognize the need to make our libraries into more modern and better educational centers for our two largest communities. We must address fundamental issues in both buildings such as roof repair, window replacement and updated heating and cooling systems. Due to limits in our staffing budget, the current floor plans in both facilities render about half of the facility useless the majority of the time. We can correct this deficit with the updated plans.

Our library patrons require a rejuvenated learning environment which better serves their children's needs, accommodates the increased demand for computer services, and allows for the expansion of our various media collections.

With these needs in mind, the San Juan County Commissioners fully support the San Juan County Library Board in their application for a Department of Community and Culture Capital Facilities Grant. Thoughtful partnerships will allow all of us to achieve our objective of providing the best library service to both citizens and visitors of San Juan County.

Respectfully,

Bruce Adams, Chairman
San Juan County Commission